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1. SUMMARY : ANNUAL CONGRESS OF SYNDICAT NATIONAL DES INDUSTRIELS DE L'ALIMENTATION (SNIA - PRIVATE FEED COMPOUNDERS) AND FEDERATION NATIONALE DES COOPERATIVES DE PRODUCTION ET D'ALIMENTATION ANIMALES (SYNCOPAC COMPOUND FEED COOPERATIVES) HELD 15 DECEMBER. AUBERGER (DIRECTOR OF COMMODITY POLICY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE) PRESENTED SUMMARY OF HIS STUDY ON PROTEIN INDEPENDENCE (REF. 1 AND 2, COPY AIRPOUCHED TO LANKFORD). ABONNENC (PRESIDENT OF SNIA) INDICATED THAT HE HAD COOPERATED IN PREPARATION OF REPORT TO ONLY LIMITED EXTENT AND RAISED ISSUES OF COST TO CONSUMER AND TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNUAL SNIA/SYNCOPAC CONGRESS HELD DEC. 15. TOPICS
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SELECTED FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDED PROTEIN INDEPENDENCE STUDY BY AUBERGER AND RECENT HOG PRODUCTION POLICIES OF GOF. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MEHAIGNERIE AND GOF COMMISSIONER FOR FOOD INDUSTRY JEAN WAHL ATTENDED.

3. ABONNENC OPENED DISCUSSION REFERRING TO SNIA CONSULTATION WITH AUBERGER AND UNDERLINED "REALISTIC"

NATURE OF FIRST HYPOTHESIS (600,000 MT SOYBEAN MEAL EQUIVALENT SAVING BY 1982). THIS IN CONTRAST TO DESCRIPTION OF REPORT WRITTEN BY MR. POLY AS QUOTE MUCH TOO DRASTIC UNQUOTE IN COMMENTS TO AGATT AND TO PRESS BY ABONNENC'S ASSISTANT.

4. ABONNENC ALSO UNDERLINED THAT AUBERGER'S SECTION OF MINAG WAS PROPER INTERLOCUTOR FOR THE FEED INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, IT BECAME EVIDENT DURING THE DISCUSSION THAT VERY LITTLE CONSULTATION WITH THE FEED INDUSTRY HAD TAKEN PLACE. ADDITIONALLY SOURCES INSIDE FINANCE MIN AGENCY "DIRECTORY FOR EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS" WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH REPORT, WHICH INDICATES THAT PROPOSALS FAR FROM GENERAL ACCEPTANCE WITHIN GOF.

5. AUBERGER'S SUMMARY OF REPORT FOLLOWED LINES OF REF. 2. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT HE REFERRED TO PRODUCTION OF SOYBEANS IN FRANCE AS A MYTH.

6. MR. ABONNENC, IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION FROM AN INRA (AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE) REPRESENTATIVE, DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED WHEAT-BARLEY USE. ABONNENC CONSIDERS WHEAT-BARLEY NOT PRACTICAL BECAUSE WHEAT IS TOO EXPENSIVE COMPARED TO CORN IN THE EC (FF.05 PER KILOGRAM MORE EXPENSIVE). IF THE FEED COMPOUNDERS ARE FORCED TO INCORPORATE AN ADDITIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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L MILLION TONS OF WHEAT IT WILL COST FEED COMPOUNDERS 50 MILLION FRANCS WHICH WILL BE PASSED ON TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS BECAUSE THE FEED INDUSTRY DOESN'T HAVE WIDE ENOUGH MARGINS TO ABSORB THE COST INCREASE. IN ADDITION EXPORTING A MILLION TONS OF CORN AND USING A MILLION TONS OF WHEAT WILL LEAD TO A LOSS OF 50 MILLION FRANCS IN THE FRENCH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

7. AUBERGER'S REPORT NOW SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED AT JAN. 4 MEETING OF HIGH COMMISSION ON MANAGEMENT OF MARKETS. DECISIONS TAKEN AT THAT MEETING WILL BE MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN REPORT ITSELF.

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